GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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BSNL RATES
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn regarding BSNL Not adhering to TRAI rates, as reported in the 'Dainik Jagran' dated March 25, 2002;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to check financial losses to the people on this account?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report of the 'Danik Jagran' is not correct to the extent that the Tariff of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) for long distance calls have been fixed in accordance with TRAI guidelines,and under due reporting to TRAI.The anomaly pointed out pertains to difference between intra circle & inter circle tariff for distance slab of 100-200 km during off peak hours. This anomaly continues due to dispute pending in TDSAT. The present BSNL tariff for long distance calls is in any case lower than the tariff prescribed by TRAI.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.